



newsrelease / communiqué

Ministry
of the
Environment

Ministère
de
l'Environnement

December 18, 1986

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
Ted Gorsline (416) 323-4327

ENVIRONMENT ONTARIO CHARGES IMPERIAL OIL

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment has laid seven charges against Imperial Oil Limited of Toronto under the Environmental Protection Act.

One charge against Imperial Oil, which carries on business under the name Esso Petroleum Canada, is under section 27(b) of the Act. It pertains to the use of a waste disposal site without a Certificate of Approval.

Another charge under section 27(b) of the Environmental Protection Act relates to altering a waste disposal site without the necessary certificate and keeping waste in a location that is not safe and secure. *No such charge / inaccurate*

Five counts, under section 39 of the Act, have to do with the depositing of wastes.

The maximum fine upon conviction is \$2000.00 for each event.

The charges follow environment ministry investigations of waste disposal sites and wastes at Imperial Oil's Sarnia Refinery.

The first court date has been set for 9:30 a.m., January 12, 1987 in courtroom 3, Provincial Offences Court in Sarnia.